

*****December 9, 2019*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Vice Mayor Amy Speek (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Presentation of FY 2019 Audit Report

Paul Johnson, CPA with Johnson, Murphey & Wright, P.C. presented the Council with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2019. Mr. Johnson explained that the charts shown on pages 7 and 8 represent a condensed balance sheet for the Town. He said that the Town had invested in several infrastructure projects which are listed on page 13 of the audit document, which includes over \$1.1 million for James Boulevard, and additional investments in Fire Station #2, Shoal Creek Falls bridge, the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) building, and a new leaf machine.

Mr. Johnson called the Council's attention to pages 4-15 which provide the Management Discussion and Analysis, which he said presents the highlights of the town's finances. He said that page 16 shows the Town has a good asset to liability position.

Mr. Johnson stated the Town had again received an unmodified opinion on the Town's financial operations which, he explained, is the best type of opinion to receive with no findings of material noncompliance found.

Finance Director, Carol White, informed the Council that Town staff: Sherry Morrison, Bill Runions, Shirley Gill, and Diane Dailey, are hardworking, dedicated and conscientious employees who, in addition to delivering outstanding customer service, also provide accurate and reliable financial records.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Angie Landrum, Georgia Avenue, spoke as the President of the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF). She provided the Council with an update on the many projects and

fund raisers the group completed. She said volunteers have donated over 2,200 hours at the MACC.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT GRIESINGER AND KERRY LANSFORD AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.
2. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KAREN RENNICH AND JAMES EXUM AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION.
3. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA WOMACK, CLYDE WOMACK, ANNE HAGOOD, KYLE KELLY, ROBERT RICHIE AND JOSHUA ROGERS AS MEMBERS OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TREE BOARD ENTITLED TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S HEMLOCK CONSERVATION TASK FORCE.
4. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MAGGIE GREENE, SANDY PARTELOW AND EDWARD BERGIN MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIBRARY BOARD.
5. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANGIE LANDRUM AND SETH GRAHAM AS A MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD.
6. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ETHAN NELSON AND JASON FARMER AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
7. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHERYL CARICO AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S PARKS BOARD.
8. A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING JOSEPH DUREK, JR. AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.
9. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DON CLOSE AND TONY BOALS AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.
10. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA WOMACK AND JOSEPH HORTON AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TREE BOARD.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve resolutions 2019-63 through 2019-72, Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Discussion

- a. SM Golf and Country Club Request for Permission to Build Structure at Driving Range. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained to the Council that the Country Club has requested permission to build a covered area at the driving range. Rob Pearse, Signal Mountain Boulevard, speaking as Vice President of the Country Club, said the plan is to build a teaching facility, that will be similar in structure to a double car garage. Mr. Pearse said it will have big doors that can be opened to permit play during bad weather. Mr. Veal told the Council that, once built, the Town would have ownership of the facility. Mr. Pearse said he hoped to have drawing completed before the end of the year. Mayor Landrum asked that the Tree Board review the proposal.
- b. Reminder – Cancellation of Council Meeting – Dec. 23rd. Mr. Veal reminded the Council that the regular meeting of December 23rd has been cancelled.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the January 23, 2019 meeting.

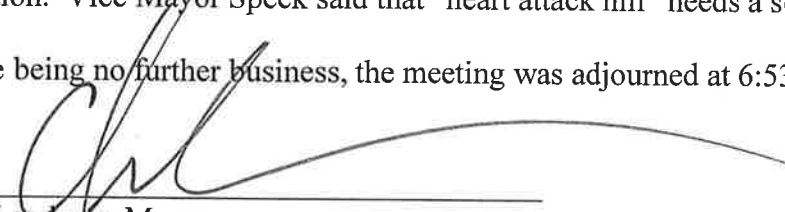
Other Business

Fire Chief, Eric Mitchell, informed the Council that he had been contacted by the architect of the Town's Fire Station #2. He said the architect had submitted the design of the fire station to Fire House Magazine for consideration of an award program. Chief Mitchell said the design had won a notable designation for a Satellite Fire Station.

Mayor Landrum said that the recycle center filled up over the weekend. Mr. Veal said that the compactor was pulled on Friday, but was filled again by Saturday afternoon. During discussions, Mr. Veal said the Town is looking to see if it can add another compactor.

Mayor Landrum said he has spoken with a resident who has expressed concern about the lack of lighting at a school bus stop in Hidden Brook. Mr. Veal said he and staff will look into the situation. Vice Mayor Speck said that "heart attack hill" needs a street light also.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder